

[18] 19. The holder according to Claim [15] 16, wherein the loop comprises an open-and-close means between the two ends of the loop.

REMARKS

Amended Claims 17 through 19 correctly number the originally submitted claims, and correctly identify the independent claim from which they depend.

Provisional Election

Applicants provisionally elect subgroup IIA, figure 3 for loops species and subgroup IIIB figures 7A and 7B for protective member species. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 16 and amended claims 17, 18, and 19 are readable on the provisionally elected subgroup species.

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirements

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirements on loops species. The invention uses a loop or ring [hereinafter “loop”] element to hold a plurality of business cards and to enable the user thereof to insert additional cards at a desired place. The loop structure allows the business cards to be rotatable along the loop, thereby allowing the user to easily place additional business cards before, between or after any identified business card on the loop as desired by the user. Any loop element such as shown in Figures 1 through 4 can provide such required function for the present invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirements on loops species.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner remove the restriction placed between subgroups IB and IIIB for protective member species. Subgroups IB and IIIB should be considered as belonging to the same subgroup. Both subgroups IB and IIIB are

openable and closable protective members. A subgroup IB protective member has an implicit, openable and closable means: the protective member closes when it hangs from the loop element and opens when it is removed from the loop element. A Subgroup IIIB protective member has an explicit, openable and closable means such as a zip-lock and snap buttons. Accordingly, both subgroups IB and IIB are openable and closable and should be considered as being in the same subgroup. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the restriction placed between subgroups IB and IIIB.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2005. Applicants thank Examiner Green for his consideration of this response.

If the Examiner Green believes that there are issues which can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, the undersigned can be reached via (404) 352-3882 or at (979)260-3143.

Respectfully submitted,

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17. (Amended) The holder according to Claim 16, wherein the side that can be adaptively opened or closed comprises a zip-lock device.

18. (Amended) The holder according to Claim 16, wherein the side that can be adaptively opened or closed comprises a snap button device.

19. (Amended) The holder according to Claim 16, wherein the loop comprises an open-and-close means between the two ends of the loop.